

every day when I take actions to better the lives of the people in my district.

The district will look different for the 118th Congress. I will miss representing the communities of Bayonne, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Maplewood, Rahway, and South Orange. But I welcome the communities of Caldwell, Cranford, Essex Falls, Garwood, and Kenilworth into my district.

Now that the election is over, Congress must work together with President Biden to lower inflation and gas prices. Americans are struggling, and we must do everything we can to help them.

Again, I thank the voters of my district for their trust and confidence as I continue to represent them in Congress.

RETURNING TO CONGRESS

(Mrs. BOEBERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, the American people have spoken. They have fired you and have chosen to end the Democrats' one-party rule throughout our government.

The days of this Chamber being treated as PELOSI's house instead of the people's House are over. The American people will once again be allowed into this Chamber to see their Representatives at work.

Republicans made a lot of promises on the campaign trail. It is time we make good on those promises.

We must defund the 87,000 IRS agents that the Democrats hired; increase domestic energy production; get to the bottom of Hunter Biden's corruption and, of course, the big guy, who is at least compromised by 10 percent; reinstate the service men and women who were shamefully discharged because they refused to take the COVID vaccine; reduce government spending and curb inflation; secure the southern border, at which there is a complete invasion; and reduce the flow of China's fentanyl into our communities.

Republicans across America ran on these policies. God help us if we fail to deliver on them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

ENDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

(Mr. NORCROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of those struggling with the disease of addiction. Over the last few years, it has been brutal on Americans suffering from opioid use disorder—100,000 dead within 12 months. These overdoses are horrible.

This relentless disease has left heartbroken families across this country

asking why there isn't more support for our loved ones in the grip of addiction.

In today's paper, Leigh Ann Caldwell of The Washington Post reported that a cartel of clinics is trying to block legislation that would help address the opioid epidemic. Her article quotes a special interest leader saying he doesn't trust doctors.

Seventy-seven million people lack easy access to a clinic, but he doesn't want his patients to be treated by doctors he doesn't trust. Maybe he wants to protect the monopoly of these for-profit clinics.

It is time for us to decide that what is more important is ending the opioid epidemic. These cartels must stop.

OUR BORDER IS A DISASTER

(Mr. MEUSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is universally understood that our border is an unforgivable, unmitigated disaster.

Since President Biden took office there have been: 4 million illegal crossings; over 1 million gotaways; 98 individuals on the terror watch list apprehended, and God knows how many we didn't catch; over 800 have died crossing the border; one in three women are sexually assaulted on the journey; and over 14,000 pounds of deadly fentanyl seized, a single-year record.

Illegal drugs have contributed to the deaths of over 107,000 mostly young Americans in the last year. Sadly, 14 of our CBP agents have committed suicide this year, as well.

Despite all of this horrifying data, President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas tell us that this border is secure—unforgivable rhetoric that is insulting to the American people.

The Biden administration, Madam Speaker, has no plan for the massive additional influx which will occur in just a few weeks when title 42 ends, a complete dereliction of duty.

INVESTING IN CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, there is perhaps no greater threat to our future than the climate crisis.

House Democrats understand the severity of this existential threat and the harm it poses to the American people, our health, our national security, and our economic prosperity.

That is why House Democrats have championed comprehensive and sustainable investments in a clean energy future. Our efforts were relentless to secure passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes historic investments in climate action. By investing in smart policies for clean, secure

American energy production, this law makes monumental strides in fighting the climate crisis, all while creating millions of good-paying jobs.

While congressional Republicans remain occupied with lining the pockets of Big Oil, global corporations that saw record profits while Americans struggled to make ends meet, Democrats remain steadfast in putting people over politics as we continue to work to protect our planet and a strong, prosperous future for working families.

STRENGTHENING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, why would President Biden rather meet our energy needs by negotiating with Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, nations that regularly imprison political dissidents and engage in torture and execution, than mobilize our own American energy sector and economy?

Why should we support the economies of these brutal dictatorships while destroying our domestic oil production, which could supply all the energy we would ever need, plus our friends across the sea?

Instead, burdensome regulations and disincentives to invest in it are what we get.

At this moment, millions of Uyghurs are suffering horrifically in concentration camps. Thousands of Chinese protesters are reacting against these brutal, harsh zero-COVID policies in China, yet America continues to be dependent on China's supply chains.

To seriously challenge China's atrocious human rights record, we must expand U.S. manufacturing and assert our own economic competitiveness and also stop our overdependence on Chinese products.

As we enter a new year and new Congress, we must get started to make America dependent upon ourselves.

COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR 2003 APPROPRIATIONS

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage all of my colleagues to complete our work and finalize the fiscal year 2023 appropriations measures.

We have a constitutional obligation to fund government operations, and I also would highlight the vital importance of community-funded projects included in these measures.

Notably, for the incredible law enforcement personnel in the First Congressional District of Indiana, I am grateful for the inclusion of specific funds for the Porter County Sheriff's Office, the Whiting Police Department, and the Gary Police Department. These